

# BIG BLIZZARD WAS RAGING

All Day Yesterday at the  
Bay of Islands, N. F.

MEN THERE REFUSE TO FISH.

Fleet Will Not Chance Staying  
Much Longer.

Sch. Priscilla Smith arrived this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full load of frozen herring, being the first American craft to arrive this season with a natural frost cargo.

Many despatches were received here yesterday from the vessels at Bay of Islands, and it is thought, as the situation now is, that very few will be there when next week comes in. This week will probably see the practical end of the herring season there and for two very weighty reasons, the fishermen are leaving and it is tempting the fates for the vessels to stay much longer. Herring are now scarce and the weather is boisterous and there is little incentive for the men to fish. Were herring plenty, they would no doubt take the chances of the rough weather and continue operations for a few days longer, or as long as the fleet stayed.

This week has been one of greatest activity among the whole fleet at Bay of Islands and for all hands there have been but few hours of sleep. Every bit of frost has been taken advantage of and every possible herring secured and frozen. A despatch early yesterday morning said that all were doing a grand hustle. All the morning despatches, evidently written the night before, contained the same story of hustle and hurry, freezing weather and scarcity of herring, but before night some were received which caused anxiety and many hurried replies.

The late telegrams stated that a genuine blizzard was now raging and that the thermometer was below zero. This caused the owners to remember the experience of 1905, when the blizzard and below zero weather set in suddenly January 13 and raged incessantly for a week, and when it abated the vessels in the bay had to stay there till spring, for the ice had come down with the blizzard, which had been so severe that it was impossible for a craft to put to sea in the face of its fury.

They realized the seriousness of a big storm just at this time and very direct orders were sent to some of the crafts to not delay but get out as soon as possible with what herring they had. Others were notified to use their judgment, but on no account to be caught by the ice. It seems to be the prevailing opinion that there will be very few American vessels there when next week opens.

This season 67 American vessels went to Bay of Islands for herring, 44 for salt herring and 23 for frozen herring. Four of them were lost and 24 have arrived home with cargoes, 22 with salt herring and two with frozen cargoes.

There yet remains to arrive 18 of the fleet that went for salt herring and 21 of those that went for frozen herring. Some three or four of the former, it is understood, will come home with no herring fare, but will bring home the gear owned by their respective firms, while others will bring partly salt and partly frozen fish. The total aggregate of herring received thus far this season from Bay of Islands, N. F., amounts to 51,000 barrels of salt herring and 2650 barrels of frozen herring. This includes all the cargoes landed by the American vessels, also the fares landed by the dozen British craft that came here and the three British craft that landed salt herring fares at Boston. Just what there is to come is hard to figure or estimate, but by the first of the week, after the receipt of more news from the fleet, the situation will be known with comparative accuracy.

Although the latest telegrams tell of no gulf ice as yet on the shore of Anticosti, still many of the vessel owners who have crafts at Bay of Islands at present, are to some degree in an uneasy state of mind and will continue so until they receive the welcome telegrams stating that their crafts have loaded and sailed for home.

January 11 is fairly late for vessels to be loading at Bay of Islands, and at the same time have no gulf ice reported. To be sure, slob ice has been reported off Point Rich, but this was two weeks ago, and it is understood to have disappeared.

Still all are aware that it is now very late in the season, and that when the ice does come down late, it does not come gradually, but with a rush, and when it does come, a vessel should be well out of the bay and headed down for the mouth of the gulf. To be caught inside when the ice comes down means to stay there until April or May or perhaps be lost trying to force a passage through the monster ice field. A few have come through in safety, but very few. The majority have remained ice locked in the bay until spring, or have been abandoned and lost in the ice crush in the gulf.

Last year, on January 11, telegrams here stated that the gulf ice was down off Bone Bay and there was a grand rush of vessels from Bay of Islands to get out and on the way before their avenue of escape had been shut off. By January 13 about all had sailed, the last of the fleet, sch. Arabia and one or two others, coming out January 15.

The cutter Fiona hung on until January 13, when she too steamed for St. John's. Last year all the crafts were fortunate, and although some has to come with pretty slim cargoes, yet they beat out the ice in the race to the mouth of the bay and got home without any being left behind frozen in.

In January, 1905, ice was reported in the gulf on the 13th and many of the vessels quickly sailed for home. Vessels which arrived here from January 9 to later, all reported ice off St. Paul's island, at first 50 miles in extent, until the latter ones, who had to wallow through 150 miles of it. After the ice was sighted on the 13th off Bonne Bay, there came a terrific week of gales and cold weather, the thermometer staying down below nine degrees below zero. When it abated so that the belated ones could start, they found it too late, for the ice pack had got ahead of them and sealed the gulf and the mouth of the bay. Four vessels were caught that season.

In January, 1904, the first ice in the gulf was reported on the 17th and vessels at Bonne Bay, in the face of a howling gale and blinding snowstorm, were obliged to stick up the shortest kind of sail and put to sea to prevent being caught there and kept shut in until the next spring.

At Bay of Islands, when the ice was reported, there was a mad rush dash to get out in time. Some got out and clear just in time. Others, but a day or so behind, got out but were caught in the floe. Of these two were abandoned and their crews had very narrow escapes. One craft was driven into Bay of St. George and stayed in the ice there until the next spring. Two did not get out at all, but stayed at the Bay of Islands, ice bound, until May. Two vessels, schs. Bohemia and Parthia, got into the gulf ice and escaped as by a miracle, their arrival here being unexpected and the cause of a great deal of surprise.

For three successive years, American herring vessels have been frozen in at Bay of Islands. During the winter of 1902-3 eight vessels were caught there, schs. Sceptre, Arcadia, Lewis H. Giles, Talisman, Golden Rod, Claudia and Dauntless of this port and T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport. At Bonne Bay the same season, sch. Elizabeth N. of Bucksport was frozen in and at Bay of Islands, beside the American crafts, one Newfoundland and one Nova Scotia vessel were also iced there for the winter.

In January, 1904, schs. Atalanta and Talisman were frozen in at Bay of Islands until spring. Schs. A. M. Nicholson and Fernwood got out into the gulf, but were caught in the heavy ice field and had to be abandoned off Port au Port bar. Sch. Annie M. Parker managed to work by but was forced by the ice up into Bay of St. George, where she was frozen in until spring opened and broke up the ice.

It was this year, 1904, that schs. Bohemia and Parthia most miraculously worked through, or were carried along to the southward in the rough grasp of the ice field and got home after a most dangerous and exciting experience.

In January, 1905, schs. Atalanta, Arabia, Annie M. Parker and Lewis H. Giles were caught at Bay of Islands when the gulf ice came down and closed the bay and had to remain there until spring.

During last season all the fleet got out and reached home, without leaving any behind ice imprisoned.

A recent report of Inspector O'Reilly to the government officials at St. John's, N. F., gives the following late sailings from Bay of Islands, of British vessels: Sch. Coronation, 800 barrels; sch. Mary A. Duff, which arrived at Boston yesterday, 910 barrels; sch. Glenwood, 1300 barrels; sch. Alma Nelson, 840 barrels; sch. Athlone, 954 barrels.

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Bay of Islands, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 40 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Flirt, via Baston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sloop Eva Avina, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.12 1-2 for small.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; large Western, cod \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl.

### Boston.

Sch. Jessie P., 600 haddock, 300 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. James W. Parker, 38,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Hortense, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Florida, 2000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 1500 haddock, 4500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mattakesett, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Quonnapowit, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. Onato, 50,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 700 halibut.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 12,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.60 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.50.

### Costliest of All Fish.

The fish was no bigger than a silver dollar. Its color was bright gold, and it had a beautiful bushy golden tail.

"That," said the pet stock dealer, "is the finest aquarium fish in the world. a Chinese brush tailed goldfish. It is handsome, healthy and long lived. A good brush tailed goldfish," he concluded, "costs \$250 or \$300, and some fine specimens have sold for as much as \$700 apiece."

## POTOMAC IS BACK.

Made Her Reappearance at Bay  
Islands Yesterday.

A telegram from Bay of Islands, N. F., states that the United States government tug Potomac has arrived back there from North Sydney, C. B.

Sch. Priscilla Smith sailed last night for New York, where her cargo of frozen herring has been sold.

A telegram from Bay of Islands, N. F., this morning states that the wind is north-west there today.

Sch. Saladin Ashore at Birchy  
Cove and Floated.

A despatch received this morning from Capt. George Peoples, at Birchy Cove, Bay of Islands, states that the gasoline auxiliary sch. Saladin of this port had been ashore there and floated and was now at Wood Island, leaking 300 strokes an hour. The vessel has salt herring on board. It is supposed that she went ashore during the storm of yesterday.



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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Sceptre, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1400  
bbls. salt herring.  
Sch. Slade Gorton, Cape Shore, 80,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.  
Sch. Marshall L. Adams, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.  
Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.  
Sch. Dictator, Le Have Bank, 48,000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

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Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Raymah, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Rob Roy, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Sabine, 1000 cod.

Sch. Kernwood, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Illinois, 34,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 35,000 haddock, 9000  
cod, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 35,000 haddock  
15,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.60 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large  
cod, \$3 to \$3.50; markets, \$1.62 1-2; cusk,  
\$1.50.

January 12"

ANOTHER FINE  
CRAFT GONE.

Sch. Richard Wainwright  
Ashore at Bay St. George.

ONE OF HER CREW DROWNED.

Sch. Saladin Ashore at Birchy  
Cove and Floated Leaking.

Sch. Richard Wainwright, Capt. Robert  
Wharton, of this port, went ashore at Flat  
Bay, Bay of St. George, N. F., Thursday  
night and will probably be a total loss. At  
the time of the disaster the craft was bound  
home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a  
large cargo of frozen herring.

A telegram, announcing the loss of the ves-  
sel was received yesterday noon by the Glou-  
cester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company,  
in which the craft is insured. Capt. Whar-  
ton stated that the vessel would probably be  
a total loss and that there was a heavy sea  
running and the weather threatening. He  
also stated that one of the crew was drowned  
but did not give his name.

The locality is a dangerous one and it is  
thought that the Wainwright was lost during  
the blizzard which raged Thursday and  
Thursday night.

The lost vessel was a splendid craft, one of  
the best of the fleet, being 133.54 tons gross,  
98.64 tons net, built at this port in 1900 and  
owned by Orlando Merchant.

January 14

Good Trips.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James Good-  
win and sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy  
Prior, are in again this morning, after short  
trips, with good fares, 70,000 pounds each of  
fresh fish.

January 14.

GOING TO CANADA.

Secretary Root and Family To Be  
Guests of Earl Grey.

Visit a Social One But Treaty  
Matters May Be Talked.

A Washington despatch of Saturday says  
that Secretary Root will leave Washington on  
Thursday for Ottawa, Ont., where he will  
be the guest of Earl Grey, governor general  
of Canada. Mr. Root will be accompanied  
by Mrs. Root, and will arrive in Ottawa on  
Saturday, and remain over Sunday.

Secretary Root said that his visit is purely  
social, and has nothing whatever to do with  
the international treaty now pending between  
Great Britain and the United States.

A London despatch regarding the proposed  
visit says:

"The news that Secretary Root is about  
to visit the governor general of Canada, Earl  
Grey, at Ottawa, elicits the most favorable  
comment on the part of the officials and in  
the British press.

"The opinion expressed is that the visit  
foreshadows better relations between the  
United States and Canada, which were con-  
siderably improved by the governor general's  
tour of the United States last year.

"Great Britain is very anxious for a final  
settlement of all outstanding questions with  
the United States, most of which permit of  
an early agreement, but the sealing and  
Newfoundland fisheries question stand in  
the way.

"While it is stated that Mr. Root's visit is  
purely social, the impression here is that it  
will afford an opportunity to go over, pend-  
ing controversies between Canada and the  
United States, and perhaps smooth the way  
for a general agreement.

A Canadian Associated Press cable from  
London at noon gives this tip to Earl Grey:

"The Evening Globe, referring to the com-  
ing visit of Hon. Elihu Root to Earl Grey,  
says that if Lord Grey can convince Mr.  
Root that the time has come when the Brit-  
ish government will not bow graceful assent to  
American demands as a token of brotherly  
love, things are likely to get settled with  
more regards for justice and fewer falsetto  
congratulations than before.

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ON MAIDEN TRIP.

Sch. Pontiac First Fitted with Sub-  
marine Signal Apparatus.

A large number of people from Boston,  
friends of Capt. Enos Nickerson and the  
owners and crew of the new knockabout fish-  
erman Pontiac, which has been built and  
spared, rigged and fitted for sea at this port,  
came here yesterday on the early train to en-  
joy the maiden trip of the new craft to her  
home port.

The craft cast off from Lantz's wharf with  
her colors gaily flying, and with Capt. Nick-  
erson at the wheel, headed out of the harbor  
and squared away for Boston.

A fine dinner was enjoyed on the passage  
up and the wharf was reached in due season.  
All were pleased with the showing of the  
craft which promises to be a fast sailer.

Sch. Pontiac is the first craft to be fitted  
permanently with a submarine signalling ap-  
paratus, which it is believed will reduce to a  
minimum the danger of losing men by going  
astray from the vessel in their dories.

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Salem's Fisheries.

Chief Pidgin of the Massachusetts bureau  
of statistics of labor sends out the following  
bulletin of the fishing industries of Salem. It  
shows that there is interest in fisheries in  
this city some \$8676. The products amount-  
ed in 1905 to \$12,851, of which \$7532 was  
represented by food fish. It is rather inter-  
esting to know that 38,850 pounds of sword-  
fish were taken, with 70,750 pounds of flound-  
ers, 1350 pounds of smelts, and of other fish  
from 2000 to 30,000 pounds. Thirty-eight  
persons are engaged in the industry, 22 of  
whom are partners.

January 14.

POTOMAC IS  
BOUND HOME

Found Herring Season Prac-  
tically Over

BAD WEATHER ALL LAST WEEK

Some of Fleet Bound Home with  
Only Partial Cargoes

Sch. Corsair, Capt. John Morash, arrived  
from Bay of Islands, N. F., yesterday, with  
1572 barrels of salt herring and 60 barrels of  
frozen herring.

The British sch. Muriel M. Young of Lu-  
nenburg, N. S., arrived at Boston yesterday  
from Bay of Islands with 370 barrels of fro-  
zen herring and 100 barrels of pickled ther-  
ring. She will take out her cargo there.

Recent advices from Bay of Islands state  
that the weather there all last week was bad  
and that consequently very little fishing was  
done. Herring were also scarce and few were  
taken, so that some vessels which expected  
to finish up and sail did not do so. Most of  
the fishermen have gone home and but few  
are left to do any fishing. It is expected that  
this week will wind up the season and it  
known that some vessels have already left  
with partial loads. As the situation looks at  
present to an unbiased observer, it would  
seem that the frozen herring supply would be  
short.

Washington was advised Friday that the  
United States Government tug Potomac,  
which went back to Bay of Islands from  
North Sydney, C. B., arrived at Birchy Cove  
and then visited the fleet in the Arms. She  
found the vessels all out of the ice and the  
herring season practically closed and on Fri-  
day sailed for the League Island navy yard,  
via North Sydney, C. B.

Without the presence of the Potomac,  
many vessels will not stay as late probably  
as they anticipated. Some of the fleet have  
sailed with cargoes of partly frozen and partly  
salt herring, while some now there have no  
herring at all. Others, of course, have some  
herring, and it is safe to say that several  
crafts will come along with partial fares.

HELPED FLOAT SALADIN.

Potomac Was Again of Great  
Assistance to Herring Craft.

Craft Was Able To Start on Voy-  
age Home Yesterday.

The United States government tug Potomac  
has again been of assistance to the herring  
fleet. After turning back from North Syd-  
ney, C. B., for Bay of Islands, N. F., she  
arrived at the Arms to find the fine auxiliary  
sch. Saladin ashore and was able to render  
much assistance in floating her, after which  
she towed her down to a safe anchorage off  
Wood Island, from whence the vessel sailed  
for home yesterday with her salt herring  
fare.